THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposal is for computerisation and networking of City Civil Courts only for four metropolitan cities *i.e.* Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Mumbai as pilot scheme.

Due to constraint of resources, it has not been possible for the Central Government to extend the scheme of computerisation and networking in the subordinate judiciary to other cities. However, under the centrally sponsored scheme, for development of infrastructural facilities for the judiciary, the States/UTs are free to utilise the required amount for computerisation within the overall allocation made to the States/UTs.

**Declaration as National Waterways**

875. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Inland Water Transport Policy laid down by Government envisages declaration of ten waterways across the country as National Waterways;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the National Waterways;

(c) whether declaration of Godavari, Narmada and Krishna as National Waterways has been found technically feasible and economically viable; and

(d) if so, the reasons for not declaring the same as National Waterways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Three Waterways namely the Ganga from Haldia to Allahabad (1620 km), the Brahmaputra from Sadiya to Dhubri (891 km) and West Coast Canals from Kottapuram to Kollam including Champakara and Udyogmandal canals (205 km) have been declared as national waterways. Action to develop these waterways be providing infrastructure facilities such as navigational channel, terminals and

navigational aids has been initiated. Further development of new national waterways is subject to availability of funds.

(c) and (d) Techno-cconomic feasibility study with regard to rivers Godavari and Krishna has been conducted for development of canal system between Kakinada & Mercaunam integrated with Godavari and Krishna rivers. The study has shown that this waterway is technically and economically viable. So far as Narmada is concerned fresh Techno-Economic Feasibility studies are yet to be taken up for ascertaining feasibility of navigation.

**Import of ships and vessels without a licence**

876. SHRI C. O. POULOSE: Will the Minister SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since permitted import of all types of ships and vessels without a licence;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether there are guidelines which are required to be fulfilled for applying for registration of vessels; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. With the announcement of amendments in the "EXIM POLICY" effective from 1st April, 2001, the import of all types of Ships/vessels has been made without a licence on the basis of guidelines issued by the Ministry of Shipping. The Ministry issued the necessary guidelines on 15th June, 2001, indicating the procedure to be followed for import of all types of ships/vessels without licence detailed as annexed.

1. TECHNICAL CLEARANCE:

1.1 No prior technical clearance is required for vessels below 25 years of age. The vessels, on arrival in India, will be surveyed at the time of registration by the Principal Officer, Mercantile Maritime Department (PO, MMD), to ensure that the vessel proposed to be